

STUART-NECHAKO REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT

MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2017

PRESENT: Chairperson Jerry Petersen

 Directors Chris Beach
 Eileen Benedict
 Tom Greenaway
 Dwayne Lindstrom
 Thomas Liversidge
 Bill Miller
 Mark Parker
 Gerry Thiessen – arrived at 10:05 a.m.

 Director Rob MacDougall, District of Fort St. James
Absent

 Staff Melany de Weerd, Chief Administrative Officer
 Cheryl Anderson, Manager of Administrative Services
 John Illes, Chief Financial Officer
 Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant

 Others Noel Fairley, Burns Lake – arrived at 10:11 a.m.
 Rob Newell, Electoral Area “G” (Houston Rural)
 Lianne Olson, Community Stakeholder Relations, Rio Tinto Alcan – left
 at 10:03 a.m.
 Monique Svehla, Burns Lake – arrived at 10:14 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Petersen called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**AGENDA &
SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA**

Moved by Director Beach
Seconded by Director Parker

SNRHD.2017-11-1

“That the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Agenda of December 14, 2017 be approved; and further, that the Supplementary Agenda be received.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES

Stuart-Nechako Regional
Hospital District Meeting
Minutes – November 23, 2017

Moved by Director Greenaway
Seconded by Director Beach

SNRHD.2017-11-2

“That the minutes of the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District meeting of November 23, 2017 be adopted.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORT

Banking Services for 2018 Moved by Director Benedict
Seconded by Director Beach

SNRHD.2017-11-3 “That the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Board of Directors receive the Treasurer’s December 14, 2017 memo titled “Banking Services for 2018”; and, that the Stuart Nechako Regional Hospital District Board of Directors authorize staff to negotiate with the Bulkley Valley Credit Union concerning the provision of banking services.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORRESPONDENCE

Northern Health – Flu Policy for Visitors in Effect at All NH Facilities Moved by Director Miller
Seconded by Director Benedict

SNRHD.2017-11-4 “That the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Board of Directors receive the correspondence from Northern Health re: Flu Policy for Visitors in Effect at All NH Facilities.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

CORRESPONDENCE

Village of Burns Lake - Letter to the Minister of Health Re: Replacement of Stuart Lake Hospital Moved by Director Greenaway
Seconded by Director Benedict

SNRHD.2017-11-5 “That the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Board of Directors receive the correspondence from the Village of Burns Lake to the Minister of Health re: Replacement of Stuart Lake Hospital.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Burns Lake Medical Clinic -Letter to Aeronautical Information Management NAV CANADA – Re: Medevac Services Moved by Director Miller
Seconded by Director Liversidge

SNRHD.2017-11-6 “That the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Board of Directors receive the correspondence from the Burns Lake Medical Clinic to Aeronautical Information Management NAV CANADA re: Medevac Services.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Director Miller spoke of the inadequate notification from NAV Canada that led to the cancelling of the GPS approach at the Burns Lake Airport in August, 2017. He noted that the Burns Lake Airport Society hired a contractor and worked to complete the necessary regulatory review process and is requesting NAV Canada reinstate its instrument approaches and departures during its December 7, 2017 publication cycle.

CORRESPONDENCE (CONT'D)

Chair Miller spoke of concerns in regard to NAV CANADA's error and the impact to the Burns Lake Airport and its ability to provide Medevac services.

Director Thiessen brought forward concerns regarding Vanderhoof Airport experiencing similar challenges with NAV Canada and spoke of the lack of a timely response.

Discussion took place about NAV CANADA being a private air navigation services company and the need to understand its process. Chair Miller also spoke of the need to contact the region's Members of Parliament to inform them of the issues that the small regional airports are facing concerning NAV CANADA.

Letter to NAV CANADA
-Letter to Aeronautical
Information Management NAV
CANADA

Moved by Director Miller
Seconded by Director Benedict

SNRHD.2017-11-7

"That the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Board of Directors write a letter to NAV CANADA in regard to the issues being experienced by small airports within the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District; and further, that the letter request NAV CANADA's process in regard to approach and departure procedures; and further, that the letter be cc'd to Nathan Cullen, MP Skeena-Bulkley Valley and Todd Doherty, MP Cariboo-Prince George."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VERBAL REPORTS

Tour of Stuart Lake
Hospital, Fort St. James

Director Beach mentioned that he had attended a tour of the Stuart Lake Hospital in Fort St. James and spoke of the obvious need for a new hospital in the community.

Meeting with Northern Health

Director Greenaway, along with Chair Petersen, Melany de Weerd, CAO and the Fort St. James Primary Care Society, attended a meeting with Northern Health on November 30, 2017 to discuss a solution for the replacement of the Fort St. James Hospital. He noted that discussion took place regarding the construction of a modular facility. Northern Health has requested a follow-up meeting in January 2018.

Director Greenaway spoke with John Rustad, MLA Nechako Lakes in regard to the Minister of Health's consideration of a new hospital for Fort St. James and the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District's share of the major capital project. He suggested that the SNRHD along with its partner municipalities forward letters to the Minister of Health in regard to the contribution amount for the SNRHD.

Director Greenaway also met with Todd Stone, BC Liberal Party Leadership Candidate when he toured the Stuart Lake Hospital and he recognized the need to replace the current facility.

Chair Petersen and Director Greenaway thanked staff for the letter to the Minister of Health regarding the replacement of Stuart Lake Hospital.

VERBAL REPORTS (CONT'D)

Dr. Bert Kelly Director Lindstrom mentioned that Dr. Bert Kelly passed away on December 12, 2017. Dr. Kelly practiced in Fraser Lake from 1975 to 1998 and was integral to medical care in the community. Dr. Kelly moved to Prince George in 1998 and continued to advocate for northern communities regarding the chronic doctor shortage.

Receipt of Verbal Reports Moved by Director Miller
Seconded by Director Benedict

SNRHD.2017-11-8 "That the verbal reports of the various Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Board of Directors be received."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

SPECIAL IN-CAMERA MEETING MOTION

Moved by Director Beach
Seconded by Director Greenaway

SNRHD.2017-11-9 "In accordance with Section 90 (2)(b) of the *Community Charter*, consideration of information received and held in confidence relating to negotiations between the municipality and a provincial government or the federal government or both, or between a provincial government or the federal government or both and a third party (Stuart Lake Hospital Replacement) it is the opinion of the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Board of Directors that the meeting must be closed to the public and therefore exercise their option of excluding the public for this meeting."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Director Miller
Seconded by Director Parker

SNRHD.2017-11-10 "That the meeting be adjourned at 10:20 a.m."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Jerry Petersen, Chairperson

Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant